possible to set up the factory in a phased manner. The production of one lakh lines a year of C-DOT design of Rural Automatic Exchanges has been taken up. The production has commenced. This is to be followed by production of one lakh lines a year of 512-port hain exchanges.

Power crisis in States

650. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States are experiencing serious power crisis;

(b) if so, what efforts are being made by Union Government to persuade the States having surplus power to share the same with States which are deficit in power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) During 1987-88, various States faced power shortages of varying dagrees as per details given in the eclosed statement (*See* below)

(b) All efforts are made to supply power to the deficit States, to the extent possible, by way of assistance from the Central Sector Stations in the region and by transfer of surplus power from the neighbouring systems. The regional power grids in the North, West, South, East and North-eastern regions facilities transfer of power from surplus to deficit areas. During the year 1987-88 considerable inter-regional transfer of power has been place from surplus areas to deficit areas.

Statement

Statewise power shortage during 1987-88

Name of the State	1987-88 (%) Shortage
Haryana	13.3
Himachal Pradesh	1.9
Jammu & Kashmir	11.1
Punjab incl. NFF	6.6
Rajasthan	10.9
Uttar Pradesh	16.6
Gujarat	4.1
Madhya Pradesh	3.9
Maharashtra incl. Goa	6.0
Andhra Pradesh	11.7
Karnataka	30.6
Kerala	15.3
Tamil Nadu	10.7
Bihar	18.6
Orissa	17.4
West Bengal	7.1
States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram	4.8